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Applicant: Norman, et al.

Title: SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANAGING AND
CONTROLLING ROBOT COMPETITIONS

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Specification	40 (including cover)
Claims	24
Abstract	1
Declaration	5
Drawing(s)	12

Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 11 pages
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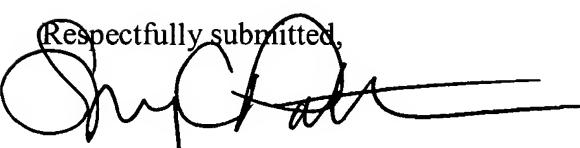
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UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor	Norman, et. al.
Title	System, Apparatus and Method for Managing and Controlling Robot Competitions
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